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## **OCFS In Partnership with Maine AEYC To Assist Essential Care Employees Find Available Child Care**

We are committed to the health and wellbeing of young children and all early childhood professionals. With social distancing measures and many closures, including school systems across the state, we support you in your individual program decisions about whether or not to close your business.

We know that there are some child care programs and early childhood professionals who are able to help care for children of healthcare workers and other essential service employees. OCFS is partnering with MaineAEYC to help connect those most in need of child care with those early educators who are able to help.

**Please email [info@maineaeyc.org](mailto:info@maineaeyc.org) if you are in a position to care for a few children in your program/home or to support families in essential services by temporarily caring for their children in their home.**

If you are still making the decision about whether to close your program, please refer to this flow chart as guidance:

<https://info.childcareaware.org/hubfs/ChildCareClosure-Flowchart.pdf?hsCtaTracking=6b4e2bc8-4064-4f0a-929d-3e80e86cf8a9%7C93c28cb1-988c-4de3-b30a-0aee0a470cf0>

Please refer to the OCFS website for latest updates and information, including important information around licensing and child care subsidies.

<https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/ocfs/COVID-19-response.shtml>

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